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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Amendment*

1. The reply filed on November 23, 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

The amendment to claim 7 omits the previous claimed limitations: "identifying one of the first and second magnitude values as a larger value and calculating a difference between the first and second magnitude values; representing as bit strings said first and second magnitude values and the difference between said first and magnitude values; identifying a most significant non-zero bit position in the bit string representing the larger magnitude value; identifying a bit position in the bit string representing the difference between said first and second magnitude values, the identified bit position corresponding to the bit position identified in the bit string representing the larger magnitude value".

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Trang U. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-7358. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM, Monday to Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David L. Ometz can be reached on (571) 272-7593. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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